

Do NOT increase the numbers of media outlets that one company is allowed to own, or allow more cross-ownership. It is extremely important to democracy, freedom of speech and equality under God that the few not be allowed to control the many. Ownership should be limited to what it was before the easing of restrictions that began with Carter and continued with Reagan. It is already a disgrace that we are reduced to two political parties that control all the debate on everything in a continuous bid to maintain power. When the world becomes black and white everyone loses, because we are all gray. DO NOT EAT FROM THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD & BAD, of us vs. them, of you vs. me.

If you want to increase ownership because of cable and the internet, isn't it true that those alternate outlets have far less viewership than regular newspapers and TV? Everyone seems to get their news from the same few outlets anyway (AP, Reuters, etc.). If stations want to cooperate, they can cooperate without one or two companies owning everything. Why do we want to go back to the days when everything was controlled by two groups, such as the king and the church? I thought we came here to get away from that. What happened to individuality? Do we want everyone to eat at McDonalds and listen to Brittney Spears? Speech is no longer free when it can only be bought.

In fact, everything should belong to the people; it all belongs to God anyway.

I strongly, strongly urge you to REDUCE the number of media outlets that one organization is allowed to own. Thank you for considering our (public) comments. PEOPLE RULE.